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## School District activates new cable channel

by Stacey Wescoe

G & S Cable Company, in conjunction with the Northern Area School District, has recently begun broadcasting a new channel which posts information happening within the area schools.

Channel 20 has been in operation for approximately three weeks. The channel airs information such as the times of PTO and executive meetings, the times of sporting events up to a week in advance, daily menu choices, and other activities taking place at the schools during the week. Cancellations and delays of school and sporting events due to inclement weather will also be broadcasted.

The signal generator is located in the school administration

building and the operating equipment is programed at Northern High School. Two secretaries are responsible for typing the day by day events directly into the system and making updates during the day when necessary. The system is presently capable of sending out only written words, but according to the district's substitute Superintendent, Dr. Joseph Gacino, additional equipment will be acquired in the future to set the channel to music.

The idea to implement a Northern School District information channel on the dials of G & S subscribers came from the successful outcome of a similar channel in Carroll Township.

The cable company is big with the education system," said

Barb Williams from Dillsburg's G & S office. "We offered them a contract and they started broadcasting three weeks ago."

Channel 20 has been favorably received by the community and Gacino has heard many positive responses from viewers that this type of information is made available to the public. The only drawback to the station is may feel that the silence detracts from the channel. According to Gacino, "the silence will be remedied soon" as the new equipment is on order.

In the future, the school district will have the option to purchase a video camera and VCR for the taping and televising of sporting events and other activities.

## Looking for a Buck? Here are some suggestions

Deer hunters looking for the best Pennsylvania areas in which to take bucks during the upcoming two-week antlered deer season which begins November 26, often assume the so-called "promised land" is located in the state's northern tier. Upside, they believe or were told, is where most bucks are dropped. After all, that's where forest stretch for miles and mountains reach the clouds.

It's also where, for decades, thousands of hunters have traditionally headed each deer season. It stands to reason, therefore, that's where bucks are most abundant, all those hunters can't be wrong. Or could they?

Last year, the best place to find a buck wasn't in the northern reaches, nor was it in Berks County, which, until 1989, led all counties in bucks killed per forested square mile (PFSM) for three consecutive years.

It may surprise most hunters, but last year Montour topped all counties in bucks killed PFSM with a harvest rate of 12.9. One of the state's smallest, Montour County contains only 36 forested square miles, yet hunters took 466 bucks there last year. Two years ago, 401 bucks were downed for a rate of 10.8.

Statewide last year, a record 169,795 antlered deer were taken with a harvest rate of 6.5 bucks PFSM. The previous record was set in 1988, when hunters took 163,106 and posted a harvest rate of 6.2 bucks PFSM.

Berks County posted the state's second best rate, 11.8 bucks PFSM. It was followed by Washington, 11.6; Northampton, 11.3; York, 11.2; and Lehigh, 10.5. Counties placing the highest over the past four years have been predominantly farmland counties, rather than those with huge sectors of forest land. Why? Because agricultural areas in these counties probably provide the whitetails with a superb food base, much to the displeasure of farmers.

For instance, in Berks County, which placed either first or second over the past five years, only about a third of the county is forested. But this limited woodland didn't impact the county's buck harvest, hunters still harvested 3,113 antlered deer.

Just over the Blue Mountain in neighboring Schuylkill County, which has twice the forested land of Berks, hunters took 3,302 bucks. So, according to Game Commission data, Schuylkill

## Christmas ornaments still available

The Northern York County Historical Society has announced that the 1990 Christmas ornaments and 1990 stoneware jars are still available at Linda Kaye's and the Blossom Shop, both located on S. Baltimore Street, Dillsburg, or by calling 432-5587 or 432-4145.

The third annual ornament depicts the Bowmansdale Bridge and cost \$7.00 plus tax.

The jar is covered and matches last year's pitcher, designed and handcrafted by Marc Fitzgerald, local potter. The jar is priced at \$14.00 plus tax.

managed to surpass Berks County's buck harvest by only 189 antlered deer.

Counties posting the largest buck harvests in the 1989 seasons, with their buck harvest PFME rate are as follows: Clearfield, 6.126 (6.8); Tioga, 5.479 (7.2); Bradford, 5.291 (8.9); Potter, 5.059 (5.4); and Centre, 4.758 (5.6).



Michael Lee Clayton

Photo by David March

## "Mork from Ork" lands at NHS

by Lynn Farmer

Last Tuesday's assembly guest speaker needed no introduction. Northern's packed gymnasium went wild when "Mork from Ork" bounded in. Well, it wasn't really Mork, a.k.a. Robin Williams, but it sure looked like him.

Michael Lee Clayton, rather, Mork, uses his off-the-wall humor and "familiar" looks to reach hundreds of school kids annually. His message is simple, "If you have problems, don't turn to drugs, find someone to lean on." A moving rendition of "Lean On Me" got the students moving.

Clayton, a reformed alcoholic, has spoken to 12,000 kids to date and states, "nothing kills people more than alcohol."

As he packed up after the show, a girl approached him. She thanked him politely, then burst into tears and explained that her father was a drug abuser. Clayton hugged the girl and told her of available support groups. "See," he said as she left, "I reached those kids today."

That is what keeps Michael Lee Clayton alive.



Garden Club collects litter. The Dillsburg Garden Club has been accepted to join the Pennsylvania "Adopt a Highway Program." For the program, fifteen club members, and some of their family, collected litter along a two mile portion of Old York Road from Dillsburg to Nursery Road last week. Similar collections will be made at least four times a year.

## \$10 discount Doctor asks patients to donate potatoes

What has many eyes but cannot see?  
A potato, of course.

Although there is no hope for Mr. Potato Head, a local optometrist is offering \$10 off an eye examination for patients who donate a 10 pound bag of fresh potatoes for New Hope Ministries.

Dr. Joseph W. Bytof, 7 N. Baltimore St., says the local social service needs plenty of potatoes for holiday food baskets.

Have your eyes examined by Dr. Bytof between now and December 17 and bring the potatoes with you. You'll receive \$10 credit on the exam.

Dr. Bytof serves on a medical subcommittee of New Hope Ministries which helps to provide low- or no-cost health care to people with low incomes.

## Annual Fall Train Show

The Keystone Model Railroad Historical Society, Inc. will hold its Annual Fall Train Show on November 23, 24 and 25, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Colonial Park Mall, Colonial Park, Harrisburg.

The admission and parking is free.

Register to win a Free Train Layout to be given away. Proceeds from this show will go toward the restoration of the Trindle Springs Power Station, formerly of the Cumberland Valley Railroad, and the building of a model railroad showing scenes of the Harrisburg area.

The Dillsburg Banner office will be closed on Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. We will be open on Monday.